

## Local Intelligence.

SEND \$2 and get our mammoth WEEKLY next year.

THE prospects are that we will have a "spell of weather."

THE pay car passed up the road yesterday. The railroad employees were made happy.

A TEMPERANCE meeting will be held at the Baptist church at 7 o'clock next Sunday evening.

THE end of the year is approaching, when a general squaring up of accounts will be in order.

PORK is only worth four cents per pound in this market, while beef, at the city market, is held at six cents.

LIEUT. HIERONYMUS, of the Hempstead Messenger, was in the city yesterday, looking as graceful as ever.

VACANT dwelling houses are very scarce in this city. Neat cottages with three or four rooms are in demand.

BUSINESS in the county clerk's office has been very brisk this week—issuing marriage licenses was the cause of the rush.

SALT, no salt, is the cry of planters and others who have hogs to kill; still that commodity is not attainable in this city.

SEED potatoes have already commenced arriving. We noticed a number of barrels of early Goodrich at one of our grocery houses.

COTTON.—The receipts have been comparatively light for past few days. There is but little activity and the market is quiet at quotations.

DIVORCE DAY.—Saturday, January 11th is set for trying divorce cases in the district court. There are only twelve cases on the docket.

ADMITTED TO BAIL.—Sidney Hudson, who shot and killed George Rowland at Caldwell a few days ago, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$6000.

DOLLS.—McFarland has his show window ornamented by several beautiful wax dolls, very large, and handsomely dressed in the height of fashion.

HORNS.—Not drinks of whiskey, but cow horns, are in active demand in this market. They sell readily at 3 cents a pair for sound horns that are not weatherbeaten.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The schools closed for the holidays on Friday afternoon. Trouble will begin again on Monday morning next when the boys will creep unwillingly to school.

A RUMOR was prevalent yesterday that two negroes had been killed at Chappell Hill on Christmas day. There was nothing of it although a number of negroes down there were dead—drunk.

DANIEL SHIPMAN, aged 77 years is one of the oldest living American settlers in Texas. He is a resident of Brenham and not of Austin county as erroneously stated in the Statesman.

HENRY HODGE'S new residence is now receiving its finishing touches and presents rather a handsome and imposing appearance. It is one of the most substantial and comfortable residences in the city.

SUNNY SOUTH.—In this particular part of the Sunny Southland we have had no sunshine since Wednesday, but we have had an abundance of moisture. The sidewalks and streets are nearly as muddy as Chappell Hill.

INQUEST.—The coroners jury in the case of Alfred Hahn, killed by the up train on Friday noon, returned a verdict that deceased came to his death by being run over by the train and censured the engineer for negligence in not blowing the whistle as he approached the bridge.

THE jury of inquest upon the body of Mr. Thomas R. Power, an account of the killing of whom appeared in Tuesday's BANNER, returned a verdict that he came to his death from the effects of a wound inflicted with a knife in the hands of Charles Hawkins.

THE BANNER acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to the Anniversary of Chappell Hill Council No. 336 U. F. T. to take place at Chappell Hill Female college on Friday evening the 27th inst.

COLD.—We have been struck by a regular Polar wave direct from the north pole. Christmas day was exceedingly cold and disagreeable and on Thursday morning everything was frozen hard. The mercury indicated 28.0.

HOG KILLING.—The weather for the past few days has been very favorable for slaughtering hogs. Salt has been very scarce there being but little in town. One of our merchants who received a car load the other day sold it out in very short order.

IT DIDN'T WORK.—On Christmas day a number of gay and festive cusses concocted a scheme by which they hoped to entrap the mayor and city marshal and land them in the bastille. These officials got wink of the plan and hid the keys of the institution.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last as Col. Tom Day, colored, was in the act of removing his trusty revolver from the mantle shelf, it slipped from his iron grasp, and falling on to the floor "went off," the ball inflicting a flesh wound in the colonel's ankle.

LEG BROKE.—On Monday morning Mr. Jno. T. J. O'Riordan went out in the Berlin neighborhood with a four-horse wagon for corn. When near Berlin the team ran away turning tippy-turvey, throwing Mr. O'Riordan out and fracturing or breaking his thigh.

ON MONDAY, every street in the business part of town was literally crowded with wagons, horses, and other vehicles. The thoroughfares looked as though by common consent every body had come to town. A very large quantity of cotton was also brought in; the market is brisk at an advance of 1-8 over Saturdays prices. All the stores had a big trade.

STREET AUCTIONS.—We believe there is a city ordinance forbidding the selling of goods at auction upon the streets, if so, we ask that it be enforced against a certain individual on St. Charles street, who has proven himself a perfect nuisance by his pitiful appeals for customers for his worthless trash. Down on these street auctions; let them secure a stand and do business in doors.

BIG TURNIP.—Capt. J. M. Williams has sent the BANNER a monster turnip, it weighs 8 1-2 pounds and measures 27 inches in circumference. Capt. W. says the turnip was raised on his plantation near Independence by Col. Tom Sanders, who is eighty years of age. In the patch there are many more turnips nearly as large. Capt. W. says: "I consider an acre in turnips worth more than any two acres in anything else that can be grown for stock."

ON Tuesday we had a very brisk norther, notwithstanding the disagreeableness of the weather a very large crowd of people were in town making final preparations for Christmas. The numerous stores were crowded with customers and the apple and candy stands reaped a rich harvest. The lungs of the auctioneers were in fine working order and they too "scooped up" many loose quarters. Saloonists disposed of large quantities of bug juice and many negroes were happy.

It was a lucky thing that the saloon-keepers closed their places at an early hour on Christmas day. By ten o'clock a number of men playing steamboat soon succeeded in loading themselves down to the guards; had the supply of bug juice not been cut off there would have been many of them sunk. As it was a very large amount of lung power was expended to very little purpose. The body of the song and the chorus was, "Whoop-ee, Whoee and Hurrah." It is perhaps needless to say that this particular kind of chin music is not popular.

Pampell & Harrison have the best and most complete stock of ready-made clothing and gentlemen's wear in the city, which they offer cheap for cash.

THE members of the German Methodist church had a fine Christmas tree at their church on Christmas day. It was richly laden with fruit and bore a present for every scholar.

MAYOR'S COURT.—Steam was raised on Thursday morning and one or two unfortunate cusses were put through. It being Christmas times we have concluded to omit all the names giving them a chance to "resolute and reform." We hereby give all hands due notice that beginning on the first of the New Year every fellow who goes through the mayor's mill and pays toll will be entitled to a free notice. If they don't like publicity they can avoid it by simply behaving themselves. This is fair warning.

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Adjourned.

## FATAL AFFRAY.

Thomas R. Power, of Independence, Killed.

About noon on Monday a difficulty occurred at Wilkins' warehouse, between Thomas R. Power and Fred Williams, a tenant on Power's plantation. Williams brought in two bales of cotton raised on Power's place and took them to Wilkins' warehouse; pending the making out of the receipts, Power stepped in and demanded that the receipts be made out in his name; to this Williams demurred and an altercation ensued between them in which several blows were passed when Mr. James A. Wilkins came in and separated them. Chas. Hawkins being present, interfered, calling Power a liar, whereupon Power knocked him down with his fist; Power and Hawkins were separated and stepped out on the platform opposite the Peabody house; arriving on the platform Hawkins drew an ordinary horn-handled pocket knife with a blade about four inches long and stabbed Power in the left side, just below the nipple, penetrating the cavity. Power then threw Hawkins down and jumped on him when he was taken off by Mr. Wilkins and others who led Power into the warehouse. As soon as Power was inside he said "the rascal has cut me with his knife," at this he commenced growing pale and faint and sinking to the floor expired at once. During the excitement Hawkins walked up the street and mounting his horse left town. Several parties have started in pursuit. The foregoing facts were elicited at the coroners inquest which was held soon after the occurrence. Mr. Power was a well-to-do farmer and was a peaceable, quiet man, highly respected by his neighbors.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.—Alfred Hahn, a middle-aged Englishman, who was employed at Rosedale Nurseries, was run over and killed on the high trustle works across Hog branch about three-quarters of a mile east of the depot, by the up mail train on Friday at noon. It appears that Hahn had been to town and as was his custom got drunk and started home, he proceeded as far as the bridge and being too drunk to walk attempted to "coon it" over the trestle. Several persons assert that the man had two companions ten or fifteen minutes before the train came along and failing to get him across the bridge left him to his fate. The engineer reports that as his train was coming down the steep grade just east of the bridge he saw what he supposed was an old coat on the trestle and could not have stopped the train had he been so disposed. The deceased left a family in England and a draft for \$4.10 in favor of his wife was found on his person.

CHRISTMAS.—On Christmas eve the scholars of the Methodist church Sunday school had a fine Christmas tree at the Opera House.

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The Cotton Weighing Question Discussed.

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It was suggested that an umpire be appointed, who should settle all matters of dispute in regard to weights.

Capt. Williams bitterly opposed this arrangement stating that estimating the crop at 30,000 bales at 25 cents each would amount to \$7500 to come out of the farmers pockets—the buyers losing nothing as they would make it up in the price paid for cotton; all this to satisfy the whims of the buyers; the farmers desired nothing but honest weights and had selected Mr. James A. Wilkins as their warehousemen in whose honesty and integrity they had every confidence, and if buyers were unwilling to accept Mr. Wilkins' weights he, so far as he was personally concerned favored shipping his own cotton to Galveston or other markets in preference to submitting to the dictations of the buyers. He believed that the buyer's so far as he knew, were honest men, but if there were any dishonest buyers in town he favored driving them out of business by refusing to sell to them, but was willing to uphold honest weighers and buyers believing them to be an advantage to the city as well as the producer. He closed by suggesting that a committee be appointed to investigate this matter and report at next meeting.

Capt. J. E. Grey said that the proposition to appoint umpires did not suit his ideas of business; did not feel disposed to create more positions for more middle men; it was only a dodge to deceive the farmer; believed Mr. Wilkins an honest conscientious man, and was willing to take his weights; was unwilling to accede to any proposition which would not secure to the farmer the full weight and value of his cotton; thought the demand for an umpire unjust, dishonest and tyrannical, and therefore opposed it; was in favor of a committee of investigation.

Dr. Morris opposed the committee, stating that the facts and propositions of the buyers were before them and believed that immediate action should be taken; the question was on tere, the matter of judgment was the only trouble; the remedy was the chief thing desired. He stated that the buyers here were controlled to a considerable extent by the demands of the spinners and did not think it laid in the power of this grange to combine against the demands of the consumers; thought the planters dependent to a very considerable extent upon the buyers and favored a satisfactory adjustment of the matter, which could only be arrived at by guaranteeing weights.

Mr. Veazy in a few well timed remarks favored the appointment of a committee of investigation.

Col. Lawther opposed the further taxing of farmers for the handling of cotton; believed Wilkins thoroughly honest; favored the establishment of a grange warehouse where farmers cotton could be stored and such advances made as might be necessary, and buyers be invited here. He opposed the appointment of umpires.

Mr. L. A. Morris opposed any compromise with the buyers composing this combination, but favored the selling to merchants and other buyers who would take the cotton at warehouse weights and pay better prices for it.

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THE BAR MEETING.

OFFICE OF SHEPARD & GARRETT, BRENHAM, Dec. 19, '78.

The Bar Association met to take into consideration the disposition of the Civil Docket of the District Court.

President being absent, Maj. Bassett was called to the chair, in the absence of the secretary, C. C. Garrett was requested to act as secretary.

The following action was had subject to the approval of the court:

CASES SET TO BE TRIED BY THE COURT.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8, 1879.

4599—Roberson vs. Felder.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11. (DIVORCE CASES.)

5235—Banks vs. Banks.

5238—Moore vs. Moore.

5247—Smith vs. Smith.

5248—Hendy vs. Hendy.

5249—Ross vs. Ross.

5250—Washington vs. Washington.

5251—Williams vs. Williams.

5252—Thornell vs. Thornell.

5253—Wagner vs. Wagner.

5254—Wesley vs. Wesley.

5255—Williams vs. Williams.

5256—Fitch vs. Fitch.

JURY CASES. MONDAY, JAN. 14.

3958—Thompson vs. Swearingen.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15.

5111—Dwyer vs. Parsons and B...

5135—Burton brothers vs. Bailey & 5482—Hosea vs. Dwyer.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15.

5105—Fink vs. Mobile Life Insurance Co.

THURSDAY, JAN. 16.

4906—H & T C R R Co's Bonding 5405—Chadwick vs. Felder.

FRIDAY, JAN. 17.

4628—Smith vs. Lockett.

5491—Smith vs. Washington county.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18.

5448—Buckley vs. Swearingen.

5499—Kendall vs. Kendall.

MONDAY, JAN. 20.

4560—Dwyer vs. Rippetoe.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21.

4993—Perry vs. H & T C R R Co.

5000—Davis vs. Garrett.

5178—Anderson vs. H & T C R R Co.

5494—Shackey vs. Meyer.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22.

5395—Est B M Hatfield.

5421—Carter vs. Harrison and Vardell.

5446—Henderson vs. Hatfield.

5474—Henderson vs. Hatfield.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23.

4920—Gains & Stone vs. Hammond.

5470—Burnell vs. Williams.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24.

5449—Nichols vs. Phoenix Ins Co.

5500—Bowers vs. Harris.

5508—Nichols vs. Hutchison.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25.

5450—Thompson vs. Hirschberg.

5452—Pfeifferhorn vs. Kerr.

5498—Thompson vs. Matthews.

CASES LEFT ON CALL, TO BE TRIED BY THE COURT.

3258—Day vs. Broesche & Bryan.

4496—Ewing vs. Ewing.

4601—Tom vs. Tom.

5577—Fisher vs. Leiswitz.

5580—City of Brenham vs. Slater.

5587—London vs. H & T C R R Co.

5592—Mandline vs. Mason.

5555—Carlton vs. McIntyre.

5479—Barnhill vs. Hirs of Alcorn.

5492—Mensing vs. Engelle.

5505—Wielsh vs. Welsh.

5506—Carroll, admr vs. Felder.

5508—Hoss vs. Wood.

CASES PASSED FOR SETTING.

5036—Pesch vs. Bassett & Bassett.

5509—Hayter vs. Testard.

CASES CONTINUED.

4774—Morgan vs. Giddings.

4990—Dodson vs. Newman.

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5033—LeGierse & Kaufman.

5098—Collins vs. Atkinson.

5209—McIntyre vs. Low.

5350—Hodge, Goddard & Co vs. Bronnenkant.

5351—Herbert Bro & Co vs. Bronnenkant.

5360—Johnson vs. Johnson.

5490—Bassett & Bassett vs. H & T C R R Co.

W. C. GARRETT, Sec'y. Pro tem.

## Military Ball.

On Monday evening the Brenham Greys gave their grand military ball at the Opera House.

The weather during the afternoon and evening was very bad there being a drizzling rain making it very disagreeable out doors; as a consequence the attendance of ladies was not as large it would have been under more favorable circumstances. By nine o'clock the Opera House was comfortably full, among the assemblage was a number of the Johnston Guards of Hempstead in full uniform which consisted of blue dress coat and buff breeches, with buff trimmings, buff buttons, pre-dominant of handsome and the members of the course.

The following members of the Johnston Guards were in attendance: Capt. A. Medell, Lieut. E. Hieronymus, Sergts. Marks, Cohen, J. M. Finklea, R. E. Hannay, Corp. E. S. Howth, Ed Legros, Privates. R. T. Springfield, W. F. Dyer, S. O. Harvey, L. Springfield, J. Bradford, R. Pointer, Wm Pointer S. Wood, J. Wood, W. S. Whitworth, Gus Jackson. Because of the inclement weather but few ladies from Hempstead came up. Excellent music was furnished by Prof. Voss' band and dancing was kept up until 3 o'clock in the morning. The Johnston Guards took the 4 o'clock train for home highly delighted with the evenings entertainment. Taken altogether the Greys have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the success of their ball.

GAY HILL LOCALS.

Will you give space in your widely known paper, that an old BANNER man have a say in the G. H. locals, not that I am dissatisfied with Timon, but I think he needs help, for I am sure some of his items are all guess work. We think he ought to give the news and give it correctly; he says Christmas is coming, that I believe is a notorious fact, but I think the numerous weddings he boasts of will dwindle down to about three, which is nothing to boast of, he wanted cake. He further says many of our neighbors disliking the complexion of the politics in this community are selling out and going to seek more congenial places; I believe one did leave but didn't sell out, left to keep from being sold out, and the politics. Well, times are hard, but we want the G. H. L. and the BANNER. One more wedding, Mr. Hal Lockridge to Miss Laura Hill; may the clouds of care and trouble never dim the pure atmosphere of their love. We are to have a Christmas tree, which will culminate in a grand—can't you come out and enjoy it with us? Dr. Dixon has the largest pig in the community, a 400 pounder. Our Literary Society is still flourishing; met last Saturday evening at the residence of R. F. Tamplin, Esq.; the reading was good and the music entertaining. For beauty, wit and intelligence, our society will compare with any in the State. It is rumored that Mess. Thompson and Affleck, of Gay Hill, are expected to engage in business soon at Georgetown.

AUTOCRAT, OF GAY HILL.

NOTICE.

All the members of the Washington County Medical Association, are requested to be present at the next regular meeting, on the first Tuesday in January, 1879. Important business; Revision Fee Bill; Constitution and By-Laws.

Subject for discussion—Is it the duty of the medical profession, as philanthropists, to wield their influence against the greatest enemy of mankind, intoxicating drinks.

J. F. MATCHET, M. D., Sec'y. W. C. M. A.

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Boots and shoes hand and machine sewed, and pegged, all grades and styles at astonishing low prices at

D. W. BLOOMBARGH'S.

OYSTERS DEPOT.—Frank Evansich, "the champion oyster man," is now receiving fine, fat oysters daily, also fresh oysters in cans, and fresh fish. Saloon under Cotton Exchange, corner St. Charles and Quitman streets.

COTTON SEED WANTED.—Highest cash price paid for same delivered at my warehouse, dawgm.

J. A. WILKINS.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE POST OAKS.

A Negro Desperado Killed.

On Christmas day there was a general jollification at the house of Nick Bailey, a negro, who lives on the Washington and Brenham road, seven miles from here. A large quantity of condensed corn had been devoured when a rumper occurred between January Ferguson and Ab Dawson. January had a six-shooter in his hand and with it hit Ab a heavy blow on the head; about this time Lee Dawson, a brother of Ab's took a hand and stepping up behind January placed the muzzle of a six-shooter close to his head and pulling the trigger let him have the contents of one barrel; this put a summary end to January's existence as he was instantly killed. Lee Dawson escaped. All three of the negroes were very bad men and warrants for their arrest for disturbing public worship had been out for some time; they had just returned to the neighborhood to have a little Christmas fro